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CLUB NOTES

NORTH END may be fairly said to be holding their own with the teams at present above them in the Second Division table. There are nine of them, although only five points separate Middlesbrough, the leaders with 22 points, from ourselves in the tenth position.

We have played all the nine at home or away, and the results speak for themselves: v. Middlesbrough (a) 1-2, v. Blackburn Rovers (h) 1-1, v. Derby County (a) 0-1, v. Millwall (a) 0-0, v. Hull City (h) 1-0, v. Charlton (h) 1-1, v. Huddersfield Town (h) 1-0, v. Crystal Palace (a) 2-1, v. Blackpool (a) 1-1.

Thus North End got 10 of their 17 points from these nine testing encounters, and scored eight goals to seven.

The point gained in a 0-0 draw at Millwall was our seventh in eight away matches, which is the more creditable considering the nature of most of the opposition, as the following analysis shows:

Team	Home record						Result v.N.E.
	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	
Middlesbrough ..	6	2	0	14	3	14	2-1
Derby County ..	6	2	0	12	4	14	1-0
Millwall	4	2	2	14	9	10	0-0
Crystal Palace ..	5	2	1	19	10	12	1-2
Blackpool	3	4	1	17	7	10	1-1
Cardiff City	4	1	3	10	9	9	1-0
Bury	2	2	4	13	16	6	0-1
Portsmouth	2	2	4	12	11	6	1-1
	32	17	15	111	69	81	7-6

In eight home matches we have scored 11 goals to 8 (five of them conceded v. Norwich and Carlisle) for 10 points. Looking back, and thinking of the scoring chances North End created in these games, a sad reflection is that we could have won the lot!

Goals Scarce

The difference a few more goals would have made is evident from a glance at the League table, in that, up to this morning, only Blackburn Rovers (14) and Derby County (11) had conceded fewer goals than the 15 against North End and Blackpool.

Against this is the fact that 13 teams (not including PNE and Blackpool) have scored 20 or more goals, a disparity which it must be our aim to reduce, and certainly to make November a better month for goals than October was for both our first and second teams.

Except for the five which a strong Liverpool Reserve side scored at Deepdale last Saturday, the rations have been meagre indeed for all concerned—

Division Two		Central League	
H	A	H	A
1	1		1 0
	1 1	1 1	
	0 1	0 0	
1	0		0 1
	0 0	0 5	
3	3	2	7
5 games, 5 points		5 games, 4 points	

In addition, the second team achieved a good victory by 1-0 at Everton in the Lancashire Senior Cup

COMPETITION PAGE

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North End v. Hull City



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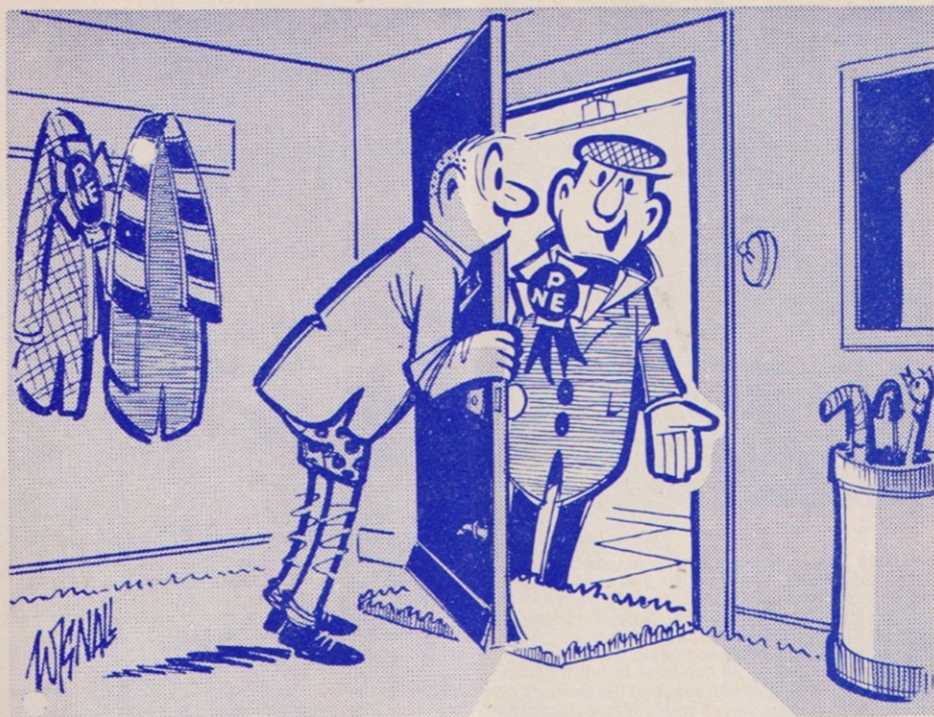
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N.B.—Prize not claimed v. Blackburn Rovers—today's prize £50.

And here is today's question:

Who was North End's leading goalscorer in League matches in 1965/66 season and how many goals did he score?



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From the Manager's Chair

HOW I SEE IT

by North End manager
BOBBY SEITH

I REMARKED in my last Notes that we had done reasonably well with regard to injuries this season. Perhaps I ought to have kept quiet about it! For we have had our share since then, with knocks, strains, muscle troubles and sickness.

We are only one of a few clubs with these problems. Throughout the League there has been a tremendous crop of casualties of one sort and another.

It all makes it so much more difficult for managers to do what they would wish, namely to keep a settled team together. Until recently North End had not done so badly in this respect.

Dave Wilson had played in every match until getting a knee injury at Derby, which was our fourteenth in the League. So had six other first team players. But a fortnight ago, in the match against Hull City, both John Ritchie and Alan Kelly suffered severe and painful injuries.

Ritchie had his forehead cut open through getting the worst of it in a collision after clearing the ball as his opponent was coming in. John is a plucky fellow, but this was a nasty jagged cut. It needed eight stitches. He stayed off, of course, and could not be considered for the next match, Jim Smith standing in for him. It is still tender, though he has been in full training.

Of several players who required the trainer's attention during the Hull match, the next worst hurt was our goalkeeper. He had part of an ear almost torn off in an unusual incident when he had his head down trying to get possession. An opponent's boot accidentally caught his ear, tearing the skin. Alan courageously carried on wearing a bandage. The wound required seven stitches.

Alan Kelly got in the wars again in the next match at Millwall. During the first half he got a nasty knock on a knee. He could not kick, or bear his weight on it. He stuck to his post and it says much for the protection given him by his colleagues that there were only 12 minutes to go before he was called upon to save again.

On coming in at half time we found that Jim McNab, who had only just returned on recovery from tonsillitis, did not feel well. He complained of pains in the head and symptoms of flu, but he, too, turned out for the second half, and played his part in saving a point.

The two heartening features of these misfortunes were the willingness of the two players to carry on, and the way the rest of the lads pulled out all the stops in support.

As if this was not enough Willie Irvine, who had returned apparently quite fit after playing for Northern Ireland, had to cry off just before the game. He had a muzzy head and was unwell. Gerry Ingram took over from him, and George Lyall came in as substitute to have a good match.

A header by him hit a post. We were full value for our point in this 0-0 draw at Millwall. Ingram's first goal for North End in the previous match seems to have given a lot of pleasure. It was one he will remember because it was a perfectly timed header and it meant two points!

The Reserves came a cropper against Liverpool Reserve, but I wouldn't like them to worry too much about it. Liverpool had an older and much more experienced side. This is how youngsters learn and ours were very young for this class of football, young enough for them to have learned a good deal. In addition two or three of them were playing in unaccustomed positions.

Ricky Heppelette has had his minor operation and we hope it will help him with the muscle trouble which has handicapped him for some time.

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North End in Action

versus
Hull City

Left:

Gerry Ingham scoring the winning goal, and his first for North End.

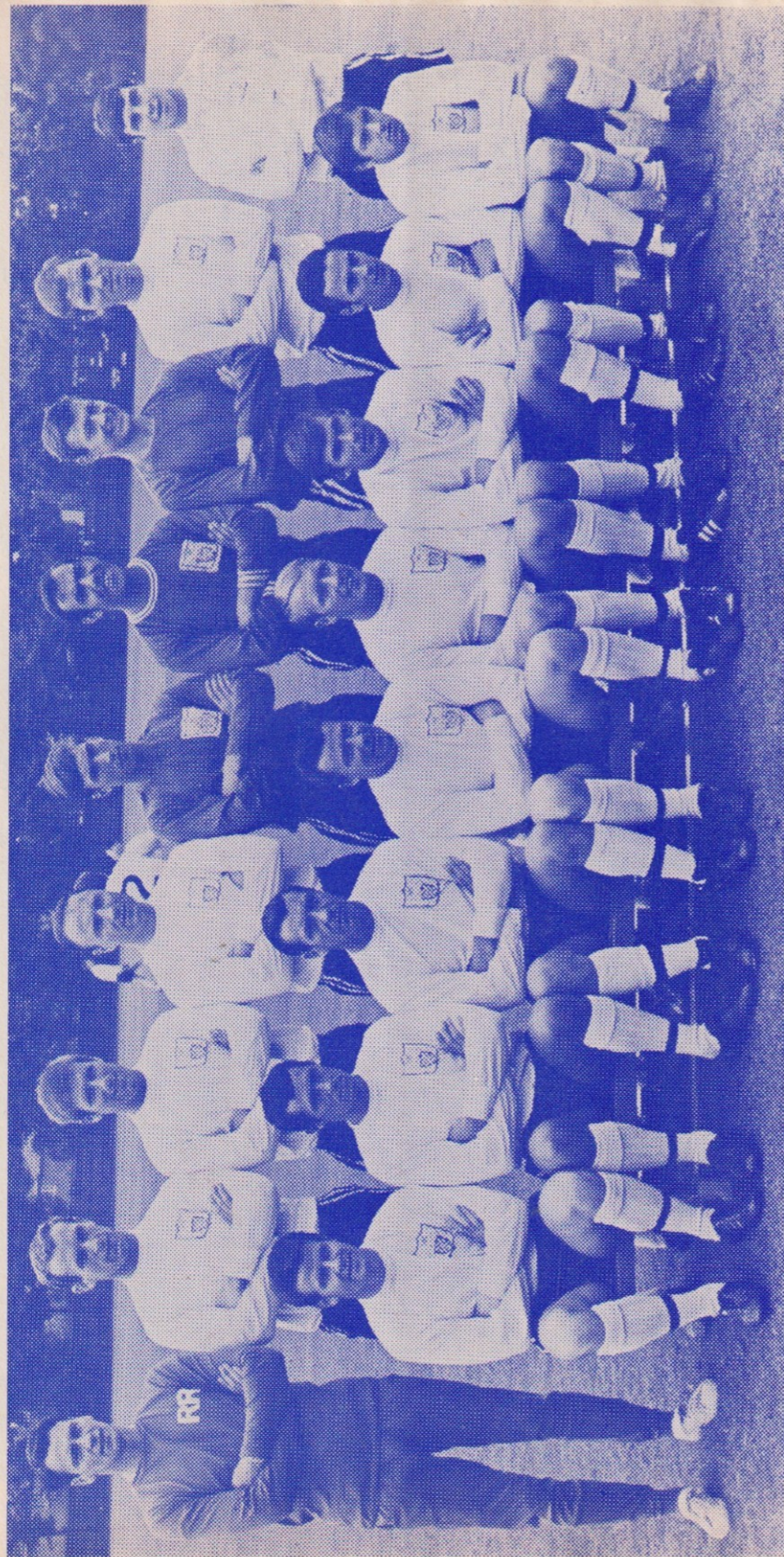
Below:

Alan Kelly receiving treatment from Trainer, Walter Crook. Alan had seven stitches in his ear after the game.



Alan Kelly makes a fine save in the closing minutes to save the day for North End.

FULHAM F.C. 1968/69



Back Row (left to right): R. W. Robson (Manager), R. Matthewson, F. Callaghan, G. Cohen, I. Seymour, T. Macedo, J. McClelland, J. Dempsey, J. Conway.
Front Row (left to right): S. Brown, J. Gilroy*, J. Haynes, J. Byrne, F. Large, J. Ryan, S. Earle, L. Barrett. *now with Dundee F.C.

OUR VISITORS

WE WELCOME Fulham to Deepdale for the first time since the Craven Cottagers were our guests on February 11th, 1961. A 2-0 North End victory set straight an away defeat by the same score, but did not save us from relegation. It was the second season of Fulham's second spell in the First Division, the first being one of three seasons (1949-52), and they finished in seventeenth place.

Subsequently Fulham have done little except live dangerously and perform several Houdini-like acts in escaping from apparently certain relegation until last season, when they got too far behind for a repitition. Losing four of their first six matches, they soon had an Autumn run of six games without a win, and went into the new year with a similar sequence of eight.

In between were three successive victories of the ten credited to them in League matches; in fact there were only four more from November 25th to the end of the season. Following is Fulham's First Division record since our last meeting with them in this competition —

		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Pos.
1960-61	..	42	14	8	20	72	95	36	17
1961-62	..	42	13	7	22	66	74	33	20
1962-63	..	42	14	10	18	50	71	38	16
1963-64	..	42	13	13	16	58	65	39	15
1964-65	..	42	11	12	19	60	78	34	20
1965-66	..	42	14	7	21	67	85	35	20
1966-67	..	42	11	12	19	71	83	34	18
1967-68	..	42	10	7	25	56	98	27	22

This season they are having just as sticky a time in new company, having won only two of their first 16 Second Division matches and been restricted to 13 goals. A point from a goalless home draw with Bury last Saturday made their total return 10, the lowest in the Division. After scoring twice in their first two fixtures, Fulham played 660 minutes before getting another.

To-day's match is our 21st with Fulham in The League, spread over 56 years in seven periods. Following is a summary of how North End fared in the previous 20 —

HOME								AWAY							
P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	
10	7	1	2	17	8	15		10	4	1	5	12	14	9	

The club was founded as Fulham St. Andrew's in 1880, and progressed to The Football League (1907) via The Southern League (1903) and West London League (1885). They purchased their Craven Cottage headquarters as long ago as 1886: two years later it was destroyed by fire.

Pen Pictures

Ian SEYMOUR (*goalkeeper*). Young star signed from Tonbridge 1966/67. A good catcher, strong and fearless. First team debut v. Manchester United at Old Trafford in March last year.

Michael PENTECOST (*right back*). Born Hounslow. A recruit from Sutton United who has made a good job of deputising for England full back George Cohen on switching 12 months ago from teaching to professional football.

John DEMPSEY (*left back*). Progressed from Fulham juniors. With Irish parents, yet born in England, he has a dual football identity and plays regularly for Eire.

Stan BROWN (*right half*). In his eleventh year of service with Fulham for whom he has played in many positions in making over 200 appearances.

John RYAN (*centre half*). Another Londoner who was signed from Arsenal July, 1965 as a centre forward and made 20 First Division appearances for Fulham last season as a stopper; 5ft. 11ins., 12stone 7lbs.

Fred CALLAGHAN (*left half*). Back in his original position after spell as a full-back. Useful as an extra attacking unit. Joined Fulham when a boy.

Jimmy CONWAY (*outside right*). Has done well since leaving the Bohemian club of his native Dublin, May, 1966. Scored in his debut v. Wolves, and three weeks later played for Eire v. Spain.

Cliff JONES (*inside right*). Pride of his native Swansea as the many times capped winger of Tottenham Hotspur fame. He was signed last month in the belief that this evergreen star still has plenty of football left in him.

Frank LARGE (*centre forward*). Signed in June as £40,000-worth of the British record transfer deal in which Allan Clarke was transferred to Leicester City. Fulham are his eighth Football League club.

Johnny HAYNES (*inside left*). The first British £100-a-week footballer. Schoolboy, Youth, Under-23, 'B' International and 56 full England caps. Has made 550 League appearances for Fulham. Joined the club as a boy and is in his 18th Season as a full professional.

Les BARRETT (*outside left*). An amateur with Fulham who turned professional October, 1965. League debut v. Blackpool, January, 1966. An Under-23 International.

FULHAM



JOHN IN ACTION AGAINST PORTSMOUTH

FOCUS on JOHN RITCHIE

A GOOD plucked 'un, fearless and hard-as-nails is the Deepdale crowd's verdict on our determined left back, who suffered a nasty head wound in the last home match through his characteristic never-give-back approach to the game. Going for the ball in a crisis moment, he got the worse of a collision with his challenger, and had to go off to have the wound stitched.

As a result he was an absentee last Saturday for the first time this season, but you can be sure, such is his zest for the game, that he will not need pressing to come back! John has always enjoyed his football. He was 21 before he left his home town, Ashington, by which time he had made his mark with Blyth Spartans and Whitley Bay, thus attracting his first League club, Port Vale.

He signed for the Burslem club as a right back in December, 1965, and a few months later was transferred to North End. Soon first choice, he made 32 League appearances last season.

Before settling for a defensive position he had been a left winger and inside left, which explains his fondness for dashing into the attack and "having a pop," it will be recalled that he scored four of our goals last season. Graduating from local schoolboy football into an Under-16 League, he was in the Championship side two years together in the 1950's, then became associated with Stobswold, his first junior club.

The achievement of which he is proudest is that of playing for England Amateurs. As a player he most enjoys being on the winning side (as he says, naturally), which explains why he hasn't any favourite "away" ground — "they are all good grounds when you have a good result!"

He likes watching other matches, and his hobbies are snooker and sea-fishing. His ambition is to play in the First Division with North End, hence his tip that Preston will go up with Blackburn Rovers this season. Leeds United are his fancy for the League Championship.

He plumps for Eusebio and Bobby Charlton as the most complete professional players. Single, with a philosophic outlook, he has no particular aversions or hates, has a weakness for scampi and steak and, next to being on the football field, is perhaps happiest in the driver's seat of his mini-Cooper.

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NORTH END FAC

League Division II, 1968-69

								Attendances			
								Gain	Loss		
1968				1968-9	1967-8	Pts.				1968-9	1967-8
Aug. 10	Middlesbrough	A	1-2	0-5	0	4,664	—	—	—	19,014	14,350
" 14	F.L. Cup 1st Round, Oldham	H	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,287	—
" 17	Huddersfield Town	H	1-0	3-1	2	—	681	—	—	12,673	13,354
" 21	F.L. Cup 1st Rd. Replay, Oldham	A	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,434	—
" 24	Cardiff City	A	0-1	0-2	0	—	1,553	—	—	11,344	12,897
" 26	Portsmouth	A	0-0	3-1	1	3,890	—	—	—	13,828	9,938
" 31	Birmingham City	H	4-1	0-0	2	—	2,760	—	—	14,112	16,872
Sept. 4	League Cup 2nd Rd., Crystal P.	A	1-3	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,594	—
" 7	Bury	A	1-0	—	2	—	—	—	—	10,609	—
" 14	Charlton Athletic	H	1-1	4-1	1	2,783	—	—	—	13,986	11,203
" 16	Blackpool	A	1-1	1-4	1	10,684	—	—	—	27,975	16,291
" 21	Crystal Palace	A	2-1	0-2	2	5,807	—	—	—	13,577	7,770
" 28	Norwich City	H	1-3	1-0	0	—	258	—	—	14,778	15,036
" 30	Carlisle United	H	2-2	0-2	1	1,503	—	—	—	14,984	13,481
Oct. 5	Blackburn Rovers	H	1-1	3-5	1	649	—	—	—	20,681	20,032
" 9	Portsmouth	A	1-1	1-2	1	—	1,042	—	—	20,393	21,435
" 12	Derby County	A	0-1	2-1	0	9,363	—	—	—	27,146	17,783
" 19	Hull City	H	1-0	3-2	2	—	505	—	—	13,823	14,328
" 26	Millwall	A	0-0	0-2	1	6,091	—	—	—	15,827	9,736
Nov. 2	Fulham	H	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" 9	Aston Villa	A	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,285
" 16	Bristol City	H	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,125
" 23	Sheffield United	A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" 30	Bolton Wanderers	H	—	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	19,798
Dec. 7	Oxford United	A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" 14	Derby County	H	—	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,871
" 20	Hull City	A	—	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	14,082
" 26	Blackburn Rovers	A	—	1-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	20,255
" 28	Millwall	H	—	0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,445
1969											
Jan. 4	F.A. Cup 3rd Round				3-1						
" 11	Fulham	A	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" 18	Aston Villa	H	—	2-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,043
" 25	F.A. Cup 4th Round				1-3						
Feb. 1	Bristol City	A	—	1-4	—	—	—	—	—	—	16,935
" 8	Sheffield United	H	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" 15	Bolton Wanderers	A	—	0-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	14,664
" 22	Oxford United	H	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mar. 1	Middlesbrough	H	—	0-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	15,229
" 8	Huddersfield Town	A	—	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,834
" 15	Cardiff City	H	—	3-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,735
" 22	Birmingham City	A	—	0-3	—	—	—	—	—	—	27,664
" 29	Bury	H	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
April 5	Norwich City	A	—	3-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	18,231
" 7	Carlisle United	A	—	1-4	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,228
" 8	Blackpool	H	—	0-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	21,499
" 12	Crystal Palace	H	—	0-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,313
" 19	Charlton Athletic	A	—	0-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,612

Central League, 1968-69

1968											
Aug. 10	Newcastle United	H	3-2								
" 17	Nottingham Forest	A	1-1								
" 20	Everton	A	1-1								
" 24	Coventry City	H	3-1								
" 27	Burnley	A	0-1								
" 31	West Bromwich Albion	A	1-2								
Sept. 7	Manchester United	H	2-0								
" 16	Everton	H	0-1								
" 21	Bury	H	3-1								
" 28	Sheffield Wednesday	A	0-1								
Oct. 5	Leeds United	A	1-0								
" 12	Blackburn Rovers	H	1-1								
" 14	Leeds United	H	0-0								
" 19	Blackpool	A	0-1								
" 26	Liverpool	H	0-5								
Nov. 2	Bolton Wanderers	A	—								
" 9	Aston Villa	H	—								
" 16	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	—								
" 23	Manchester City	H	—								
" 30	Sheffield United	A	—								
Dec. 7	Derby County	H	—								
1968											
Dec. 14	Blackburn Rovers	A	—								
" 21	Blackpool	H	—								
" 28	Liverpool	A	—								
1969											
Jan. 4	Stoke City	H	—								
" 11	Bolton Wanderers	H	—								
" 18	Aston Villa	A	—								
" 25	Burnley	H	—								
Feb. 1	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	—								
" 8	Manchester City	A	—								
" 15	Sheffield United	H	—								
" 22	Derby County	A	—								
Mar. 1	Newcastle United	A	—								
" 8	Nottingham Forest	H	—								
" 14	Coventry City	A	—								
" 22	West Bromwich Albion	H	—								
" 29	Manchester United	A	—								
April 5	Sheffield Wednesday	H	—								
" 8	Stoke City	A	—								
" 12	Bury	A	—								
" 19	Huddersfield Town	H	—								
"	Huddersfield Town	A	—								

TS AND FIGURES

North End Appearances and Goals, 1968-69

Football League, Division II—P16, W5, D7, L4, Goals F17, A15, Pts 17

	G	RB	LB	RH	CH	LH	OR	IR	CF	IL	OL	Total
Alan KELLY.....	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
Bert PATRICK.....	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
George ROSS.....	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13
John RITCHIE.....	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
Jim SMITH.....	—	—	1	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Graham HAWKINS.....	—	—	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
Ken KNIGHTON.....	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	3	—	16
Jim McNAB.....	—	—	—	7	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	10
David WILSON.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	14
Alan SPAVIN.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	—	—	16
Willie IRVINE.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	15
Gerry INGRAM.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	10	—	11
George LYALL.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Archie GEMMILL.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3
Derek TEMPLE.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	7	9
Frank LEE.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7
Total.....	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	

League Division II Scorers—Irvine 11; Knighton 2; Spavin, Lee, Temple, Ingram, 1 each—Total 17. League Cup Scorers—Irvine 3.

LEAGUE DIVISION II

(up to and including 1st November)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals	F.	A.	Pts
Middlesbrough.....	16	10	2	4	26	19	22	
Blackburn Rovers.....	16	8	5	3	22	14	21	
Derby County.....	16	8	5	3	16	11	21	
Millwall.....	16	8	4	4	29	18	20	
Hull City.....	16	6	7	3	23	18	19	
Charlton Athletic.....	16	7	5	4	23	22	19	
Huddersfield Town.....	16	7	4	5	23	19	18	
Crystal Palace.....	16	7	4	5	29	24	18	
Blackpool.....	16	5	7	4	19	15	17	
Preston North End	16	5	7	4	17	15	17	
Bolton Wanderers.....	16	6	4	6	26	22	16	
Sheffield United.....	16	6	4	6	20	20	16	
Norwich City.....	16	6	3	7	24	22	15	
Cardiff City.....	16	6	3	7	23	26	15	
Bury.....	16	4	6	6	25	30	14	
Bristol City.....	16	2	10	4	13	17	14	
Birmingham City.....	16	6	1	9	32	34	13	
Portsmouth.....	16	3	7	6	19	21	13	
Carlisle United.....	16	3	6	7	13	24	12	
Oxford United.....	16	3	5	8	12	21	11	
Aston Villa.....	16	2	7	7	12	24	11	
Fulham.....	16	2	6	8	13	23	10	

CENTRAL LEAGUE

(up to and including 1st November)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals	F.	A.	Pts
Manchester United.....	15	11	2	2	30	16	24	
Liverpool.....	14	10	1	3	32	7	21	
Newcastle United.....	14	9	2	3	21	12	20	
Burnley.....	17	8	4	5	27	22	20	
West Bromwich A.....	16	8	3	5	29	18	19	
Wolverhampton W.....	15	7	4	4	25	18	18	
Everton.....	16	7	4	5	14	16	18	
Sheffield United.....	15	5	6	4	23	15	16	
Sheffield Wednesday.....	15	5	5	5	15	16	15	
Bolton Wanderers.....	15	6	3	6	20	24	15	
Blackpool.....	14	5	4	5	33	27	14	
Preston North End	15	5	4	6	16	18	14	
Nottingham Forest.....	14	5	4	5	28	27	14	
Stoke City.....	13	6	2	5	13	13	14	
Aston Villa.....	15	5	4	6	17	24	14	
Bury.....	16	6	1	9	20	25	13	
Leeds United.....	16	4	5	7	13	21	13	
Manchester City.....	15	6	0	9	23	25	12	
Derby County.....	15	2	7	6	11	20	11	
Huddersfield Town.....	16	5	1	10	17	33	11	
Blackburn Rovers.....	16	3	4	9	20	33	10	
Coventry City.....	15	1	4	10	12	26	6	

Football League Leading Hot Shots

(Up to and including matches played on Saturday, October 26th, 1968)

Division I					Division III				
	Lge.	FLC	Eur. Comps	Total		Lge.	FLC	Eur. Comps	Total
Greaves (Tottenham) ..	14	4	—	18	Lewis (Luton)	10	1	—	11
Hurst (West Ham)	12	4	—	16	Rogers (Swindon)	6	4	—	10
Astle (West Bromwich) ..	12	2	—	14	Yardley (Tranmere)	7	3	—	10
Law (Manchester United)	6	—	7	13	Andrews (Southport) ..	7	2	—	9
Moore (Nottm. Forest) ..	12	1	—	13	Mulvaney (Barrow)	9	—	—	9
Division II					Division IV				
Curran (Norwich)	15	5	—	20	Ham (Bradford City)	11	2	—	13
Willie Irvine (Preston)	11	3	—	14	Hall (Peterborough)	7	4	—	11
Greenoff (Birmingham)	11	—	—	11	Jeffrey (Doncaster)	11	—	—	11
Jackson, C. (C. Palace)	7	3	—	10	Talbot (Chester)	10	1	—	11



Smile Please — George Ross in action recently v. Blackburn Rovers

FULHAM QUIZ

- 1—WHY is Fulham's ground known as Craven Cottage?
- 2—WHO was the literary lion formerly resident at the quaint building now used as the club's offices?
- 3—WHAT other London ground could Fulham have purchased before the subsequent owners had become a club?
- 4—DID Fulham first play in Division One before or after the last war?
- 5—HOW many seasons have Fulham been a League club?
- 6—NAME three Fulham players who were favourites before Haynes and Cohen came on the scene.

Answers on page 17

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Today's Personalities

Man at the Helm

BOBBY ROBSON

(Fulham's Manager)

BOBBY ROBSON joined Fulham in 1950 and, apart from a six-year spell, he has devoted his entire soccer life to the club. So often in the past Fulham relied upon his playing ability to pull them out of relegation trouble in Division I. Now he faces the toughest task of his career — as manager, he must keep them out of Division Three.

Robson first came to the fore as a goalscoring inside-forward and it was in this role he was chosen for the first of his 20 England caps, scoring twice in England's 4-0 defeat of France at Wembley in November, 1957. That was about two years after his £25,000 transfer to West Bromwich Albion.

He remained for five internationals including the 1958 World Cup games in Sweden, before his scoring form began to fade. He was dropped into Albion's reserve side and it was then that it was suggested he should switch positions to wing-half. Mr. Robson didn't like the idea initially, but he soon began to find his feet and by May, 1960, he was back in the England team in his new role.

But he was replaced by Bobby Moore for the 1962 World Cup and during that summer he agreed to return to Fulham for a £20,000 fee. He continued as a vital part of Fulham's team until 1967 when he was released to take up a coaching appointment abroad.

When the Fulham managership became vacant in January this year it was to Mr. Robson they looked in their hour of need. Though Fulham were in characteristic relegation trouble, Bobby Robson looked upon the job as a challenge too good to turn down.

He has many problems to solve. But, in his playing days, he has pulled out of tricky situations and he still has time to put Fulham back on the road to success this season.



Man in the Middle

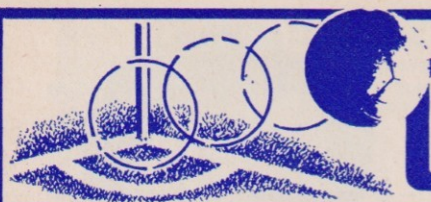
DENNIS CORBETT (Wolverhampton)

MANY REFEREES took to the whistle because they either suffered injuries as a player or weren't good enough to hold their place in a team. DENNIS CORBETT must be one of the few who began simply "because I enjoyed refereeing so much more than playing."

While in the army his playing prowess was such that he was selected for his battalion XI but he was always much happier out there with his whistle. After demob he made headway in local football until he stepped up onto the West Midland League.

The Football League placed him on their linesmen's list in 1959 and four years later promoted him to referee. In his first season he was chosen to referee the F.A. of Ireland Cup final between Shamrock Rovers and Cork Celtic at Dalymount Park. Later he ran the line for an international between France and Argentina and he was named as reserve linesman for the 1966 World Cup matches at Villa Park.

Mr. Corbett, married with two sons, is employed as material controller at a large firm near his home outside Wolverhampton.



CORNER KICKS

● TOP TEN PLAYERS

(Looks and Personality)

According to the regular published lists of the *Football League Review's* Competition to find the best looking player in the League, North Enders don't seem to be rated. Is it that all the good-looking players are with other Clubs?

What about it girls, surely you must have a Deepdale favourite. Why not rally round, collect signatures and send them off to the *League Review*.

● PRESUMPTUOUS

We are not presumptuous enough to believe that we are so much smarter than Ipswich, Northampton, Coventry, and such-like.

Alec Stock (*Queen's Park Rangers*)

● FAN CLUBS

Bob Baldwin's Inquiry into Fan Clubs, and what makes them tick, in a recent edition of the *Football League Review* has certainly started the ball rolling in Preston.

In the past week the Club has been approached by no less than six supporters all wishing to start official fan clubs for various players.

The Fan Club Idea certainly seems to have caught on, "Soccer stars have taken over from pop stars as the number one pin-ups for the youngsters" that was the summing up by one female supporter only this week.

Fan Club members are kept in touch by monthly newsletters of all the star's activities. Meetings and get-togethers are also arranged at regular intervals.

If any supporters are interested in joining one of the team members Fan Clubs, enclosed below are details:

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Archie Gemmill Fan Club,
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F — SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY v. ARSENAL
G — WEST BROMWICH ALBION v. LIVERPOOL
H — WEST HAM UNITED v. QUEENS PARK RANGERS
J — BIRMINGHAM CITY v. OXFORD UNITED
K — CARDIFF CITY v. BLACKBURN ROVERS
L — CARLISLE UNITED v. HULL CITY
M — CHARLTON ATHLETIC v. BLACKPOOL
N — CRYSTAL PALACE v. BOLTON WANDERERS
O — HUDDERSFIELD TOWN v. ASTON VILLA
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The Supporters' Club are running a coach to Aston Villa on Saturday, 9th November, 1968. For further details of price and times contact the travel secretary at the Clubhouse.

ASTON VILLA SUPPORTERS' CLUB

The Lions' Club is situated on the Ground at Villa Park. The Secretary's name — Mrs. Morley, Telephone 021-327-2800. All North End Supporters travelling to Villa Park are most welcome to call in for a drink and light refreshments.

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(Wolverhampton)



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NEXT HOME GAMES

Saturday, 9th November, 1968

Central League

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

Preston North End Reserve v. Aston Villa Reserve

Saturday, 16th November, 1968

Football League

Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

PRESTON NORTH END v. BRISTOL CITY